



Biography

Department of the Army



WILLIAM A. COLSON

**Director, Systems Simulation, Software, and
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Mr. William A. (Bill) Colson was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in July 2013. As the Director for Systems Simulation, Software, and Integration (S3I) in the Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center (AMRDEC), Mr. Colson is responsible for leading a highly technical workforce supporting the research, development, and sustainment of the Army's advanced aviation and missile systems. He oversees four of the AMRDEC directorates to include System Simulation and Development, Software Engineering, Technical Management, and the Center Support Staff. Mr. Colson is responsible to review and approve program plans to assure the overall AMRDEC provides an integrated approach of efficient and quality engineering support to reimbursable customers.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY (22 YEARS OF FEDERAL SERVICE):

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| • Deputy Director (Acting), AMRDEC | Apr 12 - Oct 12 |
| • Headquarters Senior Staff, Program Executive Office (PEO) Aviation | May 09 - Jul 13 |
| • Associate Director and Chief Test Mgmt Div., Redstone Technical Test Center | Feb 06 - May 09 |
| • Chief, Product Assurance and Test Branch, Utility Helicopters Project Office | Aug 04 - Feb 06 |
| • Engineering Team Lead, Utility Helicopters Project Office | Jul 03 - Aug 04 |
| • Test Management Team Lead, Redstone Technical Test Center | Dec 00 - Jul 03 |
| • Test Engineer, Redstone Technical Test Center | Feb 91 - Dec 00 |

COLLEGE:

- Master of Science in Systems Management – Florida Institute of Technology, 2001.
- Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering – Auburn University, Auburn, AL, 1990.

SIGNIFICANT TRAINING:

- Senior Service College Fellowship, Defense Acquisition Univ. (DAU), Resident Class of 2008.
- PMT 401 Capstone Program Manager's Course, DAU.

CERTIFICATIONS:

- Army Acquisition Corp Level III in SPRDE (Systems Engineering)
- Army Acquisition Corp Level III in TE (Test and Evaluation)
- Army Acquisition Corp Level III in PM (Program Management)

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- Honorable Order of Saint Michael (Bronze), 2012
- Superior Civilian Service Award, May 2009
- Commander's Award for Civilian Service, 2007
- Department of Defense Civilian Tester of the Year, 2000
- U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Professional Certificate, 1992

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS (PAST AND PRESENT):

- U.S. Army Acquisition Corps
- U.S. Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA)
- International Test & Evaluation Association (ITEA)
- National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA)
- American Helicopter Society (AHS)